



Kitten Visits

Your Kitten's First Visit:

1. We will ask a **History** of your kitten such as: where did he/she come from? Any previous vaccinations or deworming? Written proof of such is very helpful for an accurate record.
2. Depending on your kitten's age, weight, and history, we will provide vaccination recommendations. If your kitten is under 12 weeks old, we will most likely suggest a **Kitten Distemper** and possibly a first **Feline Leukemia** vaccine.
3. If your kitten has not yet been screened for **Feline Leukemia Virus** or **Feline Immunodeficiency Virus**, we will recommend doing that as soon as possible.
4. We also discuss and provide information on **possible vaccine reactions** to watch for once you leave our office. Most reactions are mild and quickly self limiting. More serious ones are very rare but may be life threatening if not dealt with in a timely manner.
5. We will recommend checking a **fecal sample** as many kittens do have internal parasites, some of which may affect humans and other pets. If parasites are left untreated, your kitten may become very sick.
6. We will recommend an appropriate **dewormer** strategy. We believe in routine year-round deworming for protection of your pet(s) and your family. (See CAPC pamphlets in office.)
7. We will recommend external parasite prevention, i.e. **Fleas and Ticks**. We often suggest Frontline Plus.
8. **Heartworm** is a growing problem and is known to be in upstate NY. We will recommend monthly prophylaxis and will go over yearly screening of it.
9. Additional topics that may be covered in the first or second visit include **home ear care, home dental care, litter box tips, and food management.**

Follow-Up Visits:

1. Once your kitten is 12 weeks old, we will recommend his/her first **Rabies vaccine**. We may also booster a **Feline Leukemia vaccine** and **Feline Distemper vaccine**.
 2. Cats are the number one companion animal to contract Rabies– this is due to their propensity to play with bats. Whether an indoor or outdoor cat, it is essential and required by law to have Rabies vaccination up to date! It could save YOUR life!
 3. Most boosters are recommended to be done 2-4 weeks apart and we will do our best to minimize the number of Follow-up visits needed.
 4. If your kitten is very petite, we may recommend spreading out vaccines for their safety (rather than giving many vaccines all at one visit).
 5. Distemper vaccine boosters need to be carried out until your pet is 16-18 weeks of age for full protection. This is recommended due to the concept of Maternal Antibody Interference.
 6. We may offer future **LVT (Licensed Veterinary Technician) Booster Visits** as appropriate.
 7. We will discuss **Spaying/Neutering** and **Pre-Operative bloodwork**. As your kitten nears the appropriate age, we can create a **surgery cost estimate** tailored to their needs and have it mailed to you.
 8. If your kitten was found to carry an intestinal parasite during a previous visit, we will suggest re-checking a fecal to be sure it has been cleared.
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